Hollywood residen

(Additional story on Page 3)

A definite suspect has been established in the brutal murder of 22-year-old Elizabeth Short, whose mutilated body was found dumped in a vacant lot in southwestern Los Angeles Wednesday morning.

Identification of the girl was made last night by police from copies of her fingerprints on filewith the FBI in Washington.

Elizabeth was a Massachusetts.

Fil who recently lived at a hotel in 1611 N. Orange Dr. in Holly
good.

In 1948 he was a civilian en poye at a notel exchange at Cam

cooke near Compon and more entry works a tack he was a cooker.

wre withholding the name of the suspect for the present declared that he might be the min of whom Elizabeth told friends she was "deadly afraid."

That Elizabeth lived in fear of a sultor was substantiated in San Diego by Mrs. Vera French and

her daughter, Dorothy Henen and The Frenchs, who live at 2750 Camino Tadaro, Pacific Beach, said, Elizabeth lived with them from last Dec. 12 until Jan. 8, when she hurriedly left for Holly-

Mrs. French told officers that Elizabeth, whom she had met in San Diego, was very popular with men and had many dates. The girl she said often spoke howgirl, ane said, otten spoke, now-eyer, about a boy friend from whom she was always hiding be-ause of an unexplained fear. Harold Frank Costs, 31 and Donald Leyes, 22 who lived in the same Hollywood hotel last these as Elizabeth described.

Détober as Elizabeth, describ ler as being a very attractive g who liked to see and be see Hollywood nightspots

Two other persons who reported a police they knew Elizabeth then she lived in Hollywood were farvin Margolis 27, and William Robinson, 25.

The two men said they had o en been in places Elizabeth frequented. The last time they say her, they said, was the latter part of November.

On the night before the body was found, a Los Angeles police woman said, a girl answering the description of the pretty dark-haired victim asked for protection against a man who had threatened to kill me.

The policewoman, Myrtle Mc-Bride, told homicide investigators late last night that the girl had

approached her at the Sixth a Main Sts. bus terminal, sobbing with terror.

The policewoman said the girl told her she had just run into a former boyfriend, who once had threatened to "kill her if he ever found her with another man." She had left him that day.

Mrs. McBride, who at first be-lieved the girl who appealed for aid was Elizabeth, was not as certain after viewing photos of the slain girl.

Mrs. Phoebe M. Short of Med-ferd Mass mother of the sldin girl, said last night she had re-Short of Medceived a letter from her daughter from San Diego about two weeks

A Track and "As far as I know she was working in a naval hospital there," said Mrs. Short.

"I just can't believe my daughter is dead."

Identification was made from fingerprints which the FBI had on record from Sept. 1943, when the girl was arrested in Santa Barbara.

She had been a clerk at the Camp Cooke post exchange near Santa Barbara and was picked up for drinking with soldiers in a

cafe there.
Policewoman Mary Unkeler of the Santa Barbara police department took the girl to her own home to live with her for nine

"She was very good looking," said Miss Unkefer, "with beaut ul dark hair and fair skin. he dressed nicely and was a long from being a barfly."

Miss Unkeres said the girl had, a rose tattooed on her left leg.
"She loved to sit so that it would. show," the policewoman recalled. The killer gouged the identifying mark from the body,

"We put her on the train for her home, and several times later. she wrote to me from there," Miss Unkefer recalled. One of her let

ters said:
"I'll never forget you thank God you picked me up when you did!"

BI records described the gir 5 oot 6, 121 pounds, brown I green eyes, medium build and with moles on the back of her neck.

The description tallies almost exactly with that given by the coroner's office here of the body found Wednesday marning on Norton Ave. between \$9th St and Coliseum St.

Yesterday an autopsy showed the girl had been tortured with sharp metal weapons before she died, then trussed up and butchered.

Dr. Frederick D. Newbarr, chief autopsy surgeon, listed the cause of death as hemorrhage from face and head wounds after examining the body of the victim for three

the body of the victim for the hours.

He ruled out the possibility of the presty young girlenia he strangled.

Rope burns about the well and ankles indicated in the strangled Other grotesque findings of au opsy gave evidence of the flendish mind of the slayer fown whose identity and capture full force of the Los Anguest icide squad was turned.

icide squad was turned.

To spur apprehension criminal, city officials his post a \$10,000 reward. I man Lloyd G. Davies as would propose the revariable City Council loday.

Automobiles gave their only early clues to their only early clues as the slayer was a 1940 green as on convertible which was 1940 abandoned on a gas station of abandoned on a gas station lot-at door, and inside were continue newspapers with the accounts of the slaying? The registered owner from him but he had falled make a report. hicle told police the card

He was called to headqu further questioning

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Gristy L. A. murder similar to s slaying of seven San Diego

Southern California police officers last night noted the striking similarity between the mad butcher murder of Elizabeth Short, 22, whose body was found here Wednesday, and other unsolved San Diego sex crimes.

Officers in the border city immediately feared that San Diego's sadistic woman killer, already believed responsible for at least seven unsolved murders, was on the prowl again.

For 15 years, police and psychologists have agreed that the killer was a sexual sadist whose crimes increased in brutality.

By studying the records of un-solved cases, they conjectured that Miss Short, who worked and lived in San Diego, could well be the mad killer's latest victim—in

the most brutal crime of them all.

The string of unsolved crimes began in Feb., 1931, when Virginia Brooks 10-year-old schoolgirl, was jured in a granto raped and mandered. Her body, trussed in a gunny-sack, was found months later.

On April 25 of the same year, the body of Dolly Bibbens, attractive, well-to-do widow, was found in her apartment. She had been viciously beaten after first being raped.

Two weeks later, Hazel Bradshaw, beautiful 22-year-old tele-phone operator, was found mur-school beauty, was murdered just Wednesday.

Park. She had been stabbed 17

While still investigating these three murders, police were called to the apartment of Maud Detwiler, attractive divorcee. She, too, had been raped and sadistically slain.

There was a three year lull be-fore the sex fiend struck again. Then, on the morning of March 4, 1934, police found Mrs. Wesley Adams dead, the victim of a killer following a similar pattern to the first three crimes.

A month later, San Diego was shocked by one of the most baffling of all sex crime cases. Hang-ing from a tree on Black Moun-tain was the mide body of pretty Louise Teuber, 17-year-old clerk.

A rope around her neck was tied to the limbs of two trees, but an autopsy indicated she had been raped and murdered elsewhere, before being tied to the trees.

Before the summer ended, the sadist struck again.

dered in the Indian Village, Balboa | before she entered her home after attending a movie. She had been raped

times, tortured and strangled. So incensed was San Diego that the entire police administration was replaced, but still no clues to the mad slayer were found.

Next, and perhaps most spectacular in the series, was the brutal murder of Miss Ruth Muir, River-side YWCA secretary, and daughter of a prominent Phoenix bank

Visiting her vacationing parents in La Jolla, Miss Muir walked along the moon-lit shorters it Jolla on the night of Sept 2

She had paused behind a lover bench, near the Casa Man Hotel, when the killers when I the Hotel,

Police said they had he known a murder in which the victim's head was so hysterical beatent She, too, had been rape and slashed.

But the most vicious killing all—and perhaps No. 8 driver of the series—was the murder of the series—was the serie Short, whose mutilated sected body was discovered

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Beth Broke and Hungry **During Stay in Hollywood**

scarce for Elizabeth Short dur underwent a chest operation. ing her residence at a Hollywood hotel last year, two youths and the hotel's clerk told police last night.

Harold Costa, 31, and Donald Leyes, 22-both residents of the hotel at 1611 North Orange drive -said they had been boy friends of Elizabeth's two roommates, Margery Graham and Lynn Mar-

tin. "Whenever we took the girls out to dinner, they always asked us if they might bring Beth along," Costa recalled. "They said the kid was broke

and hungry."
Leyes added that the three girls occasionally worked as waitresses.

"Miss Short was always getting behind in her rent," James McGrath, clerk at the hoted remembered. "Whenever she did, a short, dark man-about 35 or 40—came in and paid her MIL He used to drive a black ford sedan and park it in tront."

McGrath said the victim of the frendish torture slaying last Tuesday had been a chronic

Jobs were few and money was bronchitis sufferer and once

When Beth and the other two girls checked out of the hotel last October," the clerk added, "they piled their baggage in the short, dark man's car and drove off."

Costa and Leyes remembered a date they had had with the three girls when Elizabeth asked to be excused because "ner hair needed another henna rinse."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TOLSON

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

IDENTIFICATION OF ELIZABETH SHORT

1947 DATE: January 17,

At 6:10 p.m. yesterday I received a call from of the Los Angeles Times. He stated he was inquiring regarding our identification of the murdered girl found in Los Angeles day before yesterday, that the Los Angeles Examiner had sent her prints to Washington via wirephoto and that the Bureau had identified the girl and informed the Examiner and the Los Angeles police. him this was correct, that we had made the identification, that since it involved a local case any further comment would have to come from the Chief of Police. He asked for the girl's name and I told him. He was very appreciative.

He asked if we of INS called. could give them a statement at 9 o'clock, as he would be smack in the middle since they had received a previous inquiry from the Herald Express the day paper, and he had deliberately declined to answer this inquiry and it would be very embarrassing unless they carried something on their wire. Of course, at 9 o'clock the Examiner was on the street.

Life: 40 p.m. I received a call from the Associated --- section that their Los Angeles Bureau was making inquiry regarding the case, that their Los Angeles Examiner had the full details, the Times had a story. It also ascertained that United Press had a similar inquiry. Accordingly; at 8:50 p.m. I issued the following statement to INS, which was given All were appreciative. to the AP at 8:55 and to UP at 9:05.

IJ. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, announced the prints sent to the TBI by wire photo of an unidentified mirdered girl whose body was located by local authorities in Los Angeles were identified when searched through the fingerprint files the FBI, containing some 104 million sets of fingerprints.

"The fingerprints, taken by Los Angeles Police, were trans-mitted to Washington by the Los Angeles Examiner today over the facilities of the International News Photos. Upon receipt in Washington they were delivered to the FBI Identification Division by a representative of the Los Angeles

badly blurred, yet it was possible for finger-rint experts to search them through the files and leffect that identification with two fingerprint cards previously on file bearing the name of Fliggheth Short Elizabeth Short.

submitted by author None of the fingerprint cards cas at Camp Cooke, California, on January 30, 1943, indicating

lies Short was an applicant for a position as a clerk in the Post Emphance. The other set of finderprints was submitted by the Panta Barbara, Salifornia, folice fenantment reflecting the cirl's arrest on Peptember SS, 1943, on charges of Giolatina Twentle Sourt laws after which she was released to the Probation Department. For recilence at that time was recorded as ASI S. V. Montecito Street.

"Noth cards reflected her date of birth as July 20, 1924, at Eyde Fork, Lassachusetts. --

"all details on the identification were prompul; corrunteated to the Lis annelss posites authorities."

I also furnished copies of the mirl's picture pursuant to requests from Acme were thotas and the Ar shoto cervice.

Director today could give them a brief quote along the lines that the director today could give them a brief quote along the lines that the action of the Examiner in forwarding the fineerprints by wire photo was action of the Examiner in forwarding the fineerprints by wire photo was an excellent illustration of public service. I told we would think an excellent illustration of public service. I told we would think about this. I see no objection to this. The Examiner should I do not think the Director should write a letter. The Examiner should be thanking us. However, I would suggest the Director give out the following statement:

"The action of the Los Angeles Examiner in transmitting to the FEI the finderprints of the unidentified nurdered victim is an excellent illustration of the cooperation of the press with law enforcement, and it is such cooperation that aids law enforcement in curbing the increase in crime."

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DATE:

Mr. Tolson

FROM

L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

IDENTIFICATION OF ELIZABETH SHORT

To recount the happenings on Thursday, January 16,

involving the identification of Elizabeth Short and the of the Los Angeles Times, Upossible interest of

I wish to advise as follows:

Shortly after 10 a.m. on the morning of January 16, of the local Hearst bureau, which represents the Los Angeles Examiner, called and related the murder and stated that in cooperation with the Los Angeles Police the Los Angeles Examiner was sending the fingerprints of the girl to Washington via International News Photos They were sending them at considerable cost and as basked if we could check them. wire service. soon as they arrived the arrangements with Mr. Quinn Tamm in Ident.

The pictures arrived at approximately 11 o'clocke Tamm called me on the phone and stated that he doubted they would be able to identify the prints since two of the fingerprint impressions were missing entirely and three others were badly blurred, they would start making reference searches but that it would better if they had better impressions. Accordingly, I called back and told him that we were having difficulty and it would be much better if he could have a full set of the fingerprints would be much better to the transmission could be dlear. This transmitted and if the transmission could be dear.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. Angeles Times called Quinn Tamm and in my absence was referred to preferred to the unidentified girl and stated that she had a wire from her paper furnishing the fingerprint classdifficult to identify a set of fingerprints with only the fingerprint fication. Wr. Jones told classification and of course with no name. However, Ur. Jones stated he would check on the matter. Ur. Jones checked with Quinn Tann, who informed him of the search that was then underway and referred Wr. Jones to me. I told Wren Jones to so nothing and to sit tight

Detal of the afternoon The identification was made of the Los Angele and the full details were furnished to Examiner. Obviously, from a newspath standpoint the Examiner by its enterprise and initiative had a clear scale on this matter and of course was entitled to such protection and the information to that time we decided that we would not anybody that the the anybody, that if the called across would of course refer them to the Los Angeles Police but furnish the name of the girl. It was also decided if they did not call by 7 o'clock that we would

called Mr. Jones' office and/Mr. Jones absence talked to Supervisor and also gave stated he would get hold of Mr. Jones and have him call the fingerprint classification. back. Mr. Jones was . was unable to get hold of Mr. Jones until shortly after 6 o'clock, and at that time out and On this occasion he was perturbed and stated that another paper had received a reply, that it looked like the Bureau was playing favorites and indicated that he was being given a run-At this moment Mr. Jones came in. Mr. Jones talked to him and told him I was handling the matter. Mr. Jones, in accordance with my instructions, then referred called he obviously had a chip on his shoulder and he immediately went into a tirade that he had called Jones and was being given a run-around and he demanded to know what the score was, stating that his paper had a deadline to make.

I told him the score simply was that the Los Angeles Examiner, which he in turn had mentioned by name as having the story, had furnished the fingerprints to us by wire photo, that we had made the identification, that since it was a local case it was had made the identification, that since it was a local case it was had made that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Local Suggested that his people contact the Po

I noted in the Los Angeles Times story that the Times stated that the Times had been informed of the identity of the girl by the FBI after the Times had sent the fingerprint classification to Washington.

Shortly before 6 o'clock INS had a query from the Los Angeles Herald Express. They of course were fully informed as to the developments in the case by the Herald Express is a day Hearst paper and INS stalled on making any reply.

At about 7 o'clock that evening and asked if we would give out a short statement around 9 o'clock and asked if we would give out a short statement around 9 o'clock which would protect him since the Examiner would then be on the street. At 8:40 p.m. I received a call from the AP, advising that the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Examiner had the story. The Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Examiner had the story. I told the AP that I would check on the matter and call them back. I told the AP that I would check on the matter and called the AP back and I then issued a short statement to them and to the UP. The statement issued issued a short statement to them and to the UP. The statement issued is attached, included in my memorandum of January 17.

has the reputation of carrying a chip on his shoulder. I would not be the least bit surprised that he might not protest against our handling of the matter. I do not think he

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

has a leg to stand on since the Examiner was entitled to the protection that they had. I recall very distinctly that during the smear campaign of 1940 exhibited an unfriendly attitude toward the Bureau. With my recollection serving me correctly, I was informed confidentially that at one of the AG's press conferences asked questions indicating an unfriendly attitude toward the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Office Memorandum DATE: 2/18/47 MR. E. A. TAM Call 2:25 pm FROM : ()A. ROSEN рјвет: ` UNKNOWN SEPTECT ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM MURDER; MISCELLANEOUS bil INFORMATION CONCERNING SAC R. B. Hood, Los Angeles, called and stated he had been of the "Examiner", the newspaper in Los Angeles which has been giving so much publicity to this case, that the Mayor of Los Angeles intended to call Mr. Hood this afternoon and request Bureau assistance in this investigation. Mr. Hood stated he was sure the Mayor knew the Bureau could conduct no actual investigation in this case but would ask for whatever assistance which could be rendered, his main purpose probably being that he could state publicly that he had asked the FBI for assistance. Mr. Heod stated, if he was called by the "Examiner", which is friendly paper, he would explain the Bureau's lack of jurisdiction in a matter of this kind and point out to the Mayor that the Laboratory matter of this kind and point out to the Mayor that the Laboratory as the desired but that ro across lives the country of the state of the laboratory are desired but that ro across lives the country of the laboratory across the state of the laboratory are stated by the "Examiner", which is the stated by the "Examiner" by the stated by th was pointed out that even though Hood states the Bereau's position, the story would probably leave the impression that the Eureau was actually conducting some investigation, because any comment concerning the Laborator facilities would probably be near the end of the story. In the event has the called by the remember Hood fall that the story is called by the remembers. is called by the newspapers, Hood felt that he should probably issue a statement setting out the Bureau's exact position in this matter. I told him I agreed. ACTION TO BE TAKEN: No action is to be taken by Hood until he desired a call from the Mayor or a call from the newspapers. If he receives a call from the Mayor he is going to explain the Bureau's position of the receives a call from the Newspapers he is going to explain the lifthe receives a call from the Newspapers he is going to explain the Bureau's position. CO = MT Nichols

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ATTENTION MR. ROSEN RECTOR URGENT

ELIZABETH SHORT, INFORMATION CONCERNING

PERSONALLY ADVISED ME ON FEBRUARY EIGHTEENTH THAT

FOLLOWING BRIEF TALK WITH MAYOR FLETCHER BOWRON, NO REQUEST WOULD HE FORTHCOMING FOR ACTIVE ASSISTANCE IN MURDER CASE INVOLVING

SHORT AS VICTIM. LOS ANGELES EXAMINER THIS DAY STATES CHIEF

HORRALL MADE OFFICIAL REQUEST OF ME FOR ASSISTANCE WHICH STATEMENT HAS BEEN DENIED BY HIM TO THE EXAMINER AND INQUIRIES FROM TWO THE

OTHER PAPERS HAVE BEEN MET WITH RESPONSES

ACTIVE INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE IN HOOD AA

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The Angelow 13, California

I have received your letter dated Pebruary 15,

1947.

You may be assured I am appreciative of your courtesy and interest in furnishing such information to

Mountly, pours,

John Bigar Roover Structur

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Los Angeles, I3, California Feb. 15, 1947

J.Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington.D.C.

Dear Sir;-

I had occasion once before to write you - April IO, I94 and feel impressed to do so again now. That other was a personal matter; this one is of grave public importance which is being grossly neglected - if not abetted - by the police.

On the night of the 14th, of January there was an awfu whom everybody used to call the Old Policeman rumpus has lived there for a long time. I was told that heard it all - the terrible obscene language the man wzs using and the woman screaming, once called policemen. Twelve - I was told - came and took old covered with blood - to jail. Later an ambulance came to get the girl's body. It was all cut up and Xerribly mutilated Her mouth cut from ear to ear. The lady fainted when she saw it. The next morning the botty of the Black ablig was all creaned up found dumped out into a lot on Norton. was let out by the sheriff as though nothing had happened. He's been going and coming ever since - so I'm told - and the second murder in L.A. within the past week - Feb. 10th- has all the earmarks of his dirty work.

Now, I do not know whether or not this matter has been taken care of by any investigators. The police appear to be doing nothing in regard to it. Maybe no one has reported it for fear of the police - as they already know all about it; having been here twelve strong that night of B.D's murder. She has alive a few minutes before they got here. The first paper the Times the mentioned a \$10,000 reward involved.

We women are beginning to live in mortal terror of these conditions that are happening around us, for this corner was once a highly respected neighborhood. We have no place to move to, and cannot get out. The has been involved before in other questionable affairs. Everybody could girely evidence in regard to this matter. The matter is being hushed up. Everybody is a raid of the matter is being hushed up. Everybody is a raid of the matter is being hushed up.

by name. The matter is being nushed up. Everybody is the police. I am giving you this information in case you have n been informed. L.A. needs cleaning up. If the matter is being taken care of - to your knowledge - please drop the matter here taken care of - to your knowledge - please drop the matter here if not; I would like to see the is to have until the Isth. Tuesder to leave the law of the property envelopes.

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with the mutilation murder of ELIZABETH SHORT. Please forward results of these fingerprints to this office it wail Special Delivery.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

March 6, 1947

SAC, Ios Angeles

Director, FHI

ELIZABETH SHORT INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to your letter of February 28, 1947, sub- planting the fingerprints of the in connection with the above-entitled matter, your file #62-2928.

You are advised that the fingerprints submitted were compared with the latent fingerprints previously forwarded in connection with the instant case, but no identifications were effected.

A search of the fingerprints of through the Dursan's main fingerprint files has failed to disclose any prior record for this individual.

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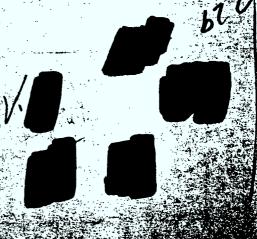
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Single Fingerprint Report

Case:

RE: ELIZABETH SHORT 10 INFORMATION CONCLONING SUSPICT

Number: 62-82627-33 -

Fingerprints of suspect,

submitted for comparison

with the unidentified latents in this case. Specimens:

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles

Date received: 3-4-47

Date of reference communication: 2-28-47

Examination requested:

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Result of examination:

Comparisons made - no de Prints to tech 3-4 no fivor records Dictated 3-6-47

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Office Memorandum . United States Government

Director, FBL

DATE: March 3, 194

ROW BUC, New York

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

EDITABETH SHORT - VICTIM;

MURUER - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to the conference teletype from the los Angeles Field Division to the Bureau and New York, dated January 1947.

Since all pertinent facts were submitted by teletype to the los Angeles Field Division and the Bureau on Jamuary 25, 1947, no report is being submitted and this matter is being Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

DATE: February 21, 1947

FROM

SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT:

ELIZABETH SHORT

information Concerning

Los Angeles Examiner, advised me that in all probability I would receive On February 18, 1947, quest from Mayor FLETCHER BOWRON on February 18th for this Bureau's assis in connection with the murder case in which ELIZABETH SHORT is the victim Bureau will recall that this individual was murdered and her body dissected and it is referred to as the Black Dahlia case.

620 went on to state that Mayor BONRON had been friendly to the Examiner and that he personally was friendly to the Mayor but that there are now rumbles of incompetency in the police department and that citizens are terrorized in view of the recent murders in this city. having been four unusual cases in the past six weeks. He stated that within the last several days . the Police Commission has asked Chief of Police Les offinion if there HORRALL for a report on these cases and in another murder of this type in the near future, it is going to be most up to nnate for the Los Angeles Folics Dapa ment

He stated many people believe that the Reshould by forces with the local department in this case and they do not know that ou jurisdiction will not permit it. He mentioned that if the FBI did join to local authorities and nothing became of the investigation, there obvious would not be so much unfavorable reflection on the local agency and likewise If the Bureau were to solve the case and make its own independent release. and ignore the police department, it would destroy all public confidence in the police organization.

tates that he has many good friends on t Homicide Squad and they have been very cooperative with his paper but ! known that many of them are not experienced homicide investigators, they having been taken over from other squade in the last year or so.

on February 18th and without my mentioning this situation, he stated he wanted me to know to fidentially that on February 17th the Mayor had called informed him the he did not request assistance of this Bureau and we had no jurisdiction to enter the investigation but for the Mayor's bun formation and not for publication, this office had been of considerable

Director

SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH SHORT

Information Concerning

assistance in the investigation. This is true, as we have made records available to the local officers which they were not in a position to obtain and have rendered them assistance in contacting the Veterans Bureau, Navy Department and other similar organizations. No actual investigation has wanted me been made of the murder case and none is contemplated. to know that if the Mayor did make any statement about the Bureau's participation in this case that it was entirely the Mayor's and over the objection

could take the criticism that might be He pointed out circumstances do anything that might give the appearance of attempting to pass it on to this Bureau. He stated that the Mayor meant well but that when the newspapers put the pressure on him his judgment is not good and he might say something that would appear to involve this Bureau in the inthat I understood the Mayor was going to call upon me for assistance but that if he did so, it would be explained that act littles would be available at any time as they have always been in the pa

For the Bureau's information, reporters were at the scene of the murder before the law enforcement officers arrived and had the evidence in their possession before the officers, and throughout the entire investigat the reporters have talked to witnesses and published facts which were bound t hinder the investigation of the local department. Reporters are in the offic of the Detective Bureau and it is not possible for the investigators to have confidential telephone conversation or even read mail without having some new reporter looking it over to see if it relates to this case.

As Mr. ROSEN of the Bureau was informed February 18th, the Mayor, if he requests assistance from us, would be informed of the Bureau's lack of jurisdiction in the case and newspaper inquiries will be met with a direct statement that we have no investigative jurisdiction, and if any state ment the Mayor might make calls for a clarification, the matter will be discussed with the Bureau immediately before any comment is made.

Since dictation of the above material has talephonically advised me that he had another talk with the Mayor and he be lieves the entire situation is taken care of and he does not anticipate that anything further will be heard on it.

REPORT



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON D. C.

February 26, 1947

SAC, Los Angeles

Following is the report of the FBI Laboratory giving the To: results of examinations conducted on evidence received from your office. This report serves to confirm and supplement the Bureau's wire of February 20, 1947.

> Elizabeth Short Information Concerning

YOUR FILE NO62-2928 FBI FILE NO. 62-82627

Addresses Examination requested by:

Letter 2/13/47

Reference:

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Examination requested:

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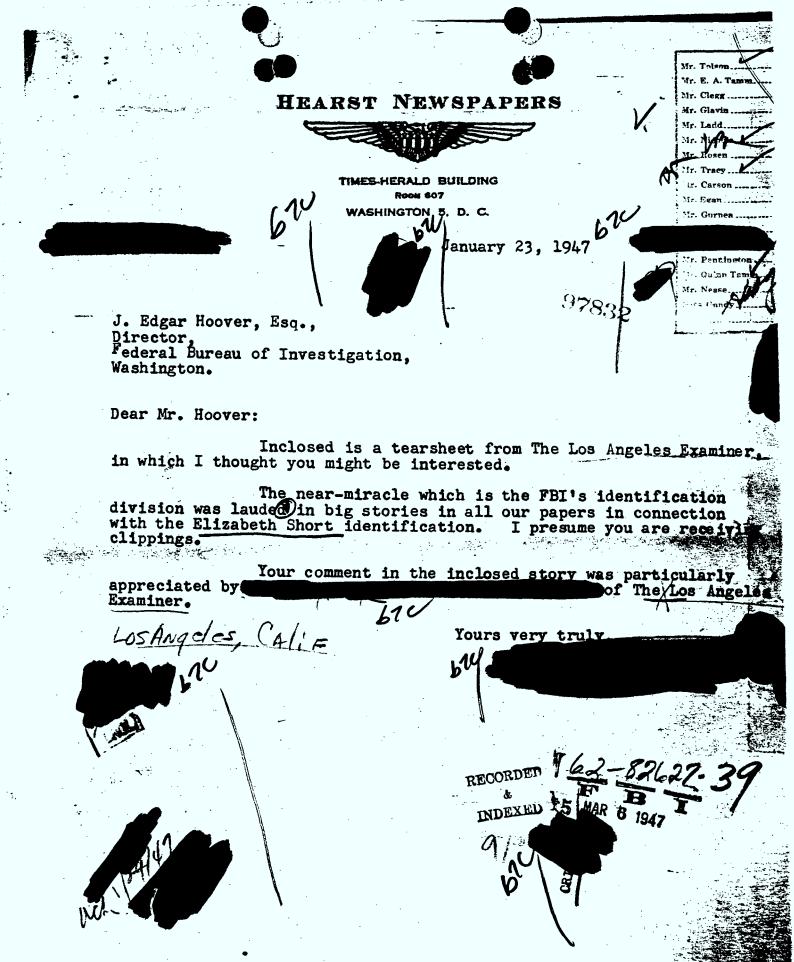
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January 30, 1947

URDED 62-82627-39 97831 DEXED -Hearld Building, Room 60? Washington 5, D. C. letter dated January 23, With best wishes and kind regards, Sincerely Vours, T. Tigar Hoover JAN 30 1947 FEMANA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Tederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Instice

Los Angeles, California February 25, 1947

Director, FBI

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

RE:

ELIZABETH SHORT
"BLACK DAHLIA" MURDER IN LOS ANGELES
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

The manner in which ELIZABETH SHORT's body was dissected has indicated the possibility that the murderer was a person somewhat experienced in medical work. The Los Angeles Police Department has undertaken to develop suspects among the medical and dental schools in the area, as well as among other students who have anything to do with human anatomy.

The University of Southern California Medical School was reluctant to turn over a list of their students to the police department without being assured that the names would not be indexed into police or FBI records as suspects in the case. This assurance has been given them.

I am enclosing two copies of a list of the University of Southern California medical students, giving the name, address, partition date and Army or Navy compensation number where known. Those students with "c" numbers are in school under the G.I. Bill of Rights. It is requested that the Bureau search these names through the criminal record indices and in the event any criminal record is determined for any of these men, a copy is requested to be sent air mail to this office.

It will be noted that eight names are preceded with an asterisk. In these cases, if an fingerprint card is located for the individual, it is requested that a photographic copy of fingerprints be furnished to this office by air mail as the Los Angeles Police Department Crime Laboratory has compared the handwriting of these individuals with notes received in the case and has concluded that there is some similarity and they would like to be able to compare latent fingerprints also.

I feel that we can be of much assistance to the Los Angeles
Police Department in this case and the Bureau's expeditious attention to this
project will be sincerely appreciated by the CORDED 62-8247

At the completion of the Bureau's search, it is requested that the list be destroyed or returned to the Los Angeles Office.

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Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD. SAC.

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February 28, 1947

SAC, Los Angeles

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ORDER 62-82621-40

ELIZABETH SHORT
"BLACK DAHLIA" MURDER IN LOS ANGELES
INFORMATION CONCERNING
Your File #62-2928

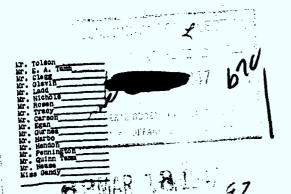
Reference is made to your letter of February 25, 1947, relative to the above subject matter, enclosing a list of the names of the University of Southern California medical students.

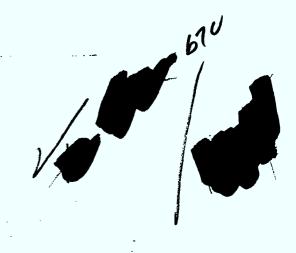
In accordance with your request these names are being searched through the files of the Identification Division and upon completion of this search the results will be furnished to you. At that time the list of names will be forwarded to you for appropriate disposal.

For your information the Identification Division Single Fingerprint Section will compare the photographic latent prints which are in their possession with the records as they are located.

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March 6, 1947
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SAC, Los Angeles

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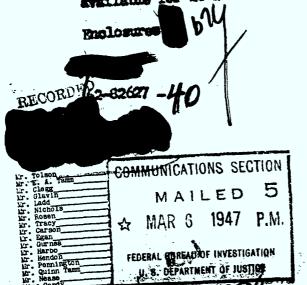
Reference is made to your letter of February 25, 1947, submitting a list bearing the names of students enrolled in the Medical School of the University of Southern California and requesting that these names be searched through the criminal indices of the Identification Division in connection with the above-entitled matter, your file #62-2928.

You are advised that no oriminal records were located for the individuals whose names are marked with an asteriak. However, non-criminal fingerprint cards were located for nine of these individuals, photographic copies of which are enclosed as requested.

in the location of criminal records for three individuals who may be identical with the persons nesed in your letter. Transcripts of their records are exclosed.

Non-original fingerprint records were also located for 217 other individuals and their fingerprints, as well as those mentioned above, were compared with the five latent fingerprints previously submitted in connection with the instant case, but no identifications were effected.

For your information, red check marks appear on the returned lists before the names of individuals for whom fingerprint cards were located. It should be noted that no fingerprints are symilable for 28 individuals.





Number: 62-82627 -4

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 3-5-47 2:00 PM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case:

RE: ELIZABETH SHORT

"BLACK DAHLIA" MURDER I LOS AMCELES

IMPORMATION CONCERNING

Specimens: One list of approximately 300 individuals submitted. (.ith copy)

It is requested that the fingerprints of the individuals listed

in instant letter be compared with latents previously submitted in this case.

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles

Date received:

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Date of reference communication: 2-25-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

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February 27, 1947

SAG, Los Angeles

Director, FEI

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Enclosed is a transcript of an anonymous communication received at the Bursau which makes reference to the murder of the captioned victim. You should submit such information to the Los Angeles Police Department for such action as that agency deems advisable.

Attached with a copy of this letter for the Poston Field Division is a transcript of this anonymous communication which also makes reference to the disappearance of Paula Welden. In view of the nature of the anonymous communication, it is not believed advisable for the Boston Field Division to initiate any investigation on the basis of this letter.

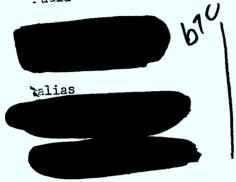
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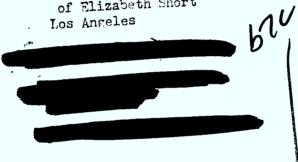
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Los Angeles, 13 California Feb.26,1947

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John Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Elizabeth Chop Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;-

As you know, the Black Dahlia case has been quickly hushed up, and apparently all covered up. No effort was really made to bring the culprit to justice. and his room number and all of his dirty work, are well known to the police begging but the rascal is still

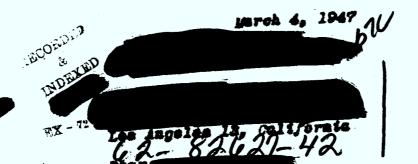
to stay! He was supposed to have left by the 18th - by order of the sheriff. As for any material evidence being now available, that is possibly out of the question. For the firemen and police have been here many times " cleaning" up I saw an old mattress being brought into the house here from a truck - marked M 62 on the back left corner- on the first of Feb. about I2;30 p.m. says the firemen have found an enormous amount of old papers between this house and the next - corner restaurant and saloons - and that they have been clearing them out. The strip is only a couple of feet fourth floor or so wide and directly under know about these goings-on windows.

and tried to evict whom they accused of talking too much. They are almost as are the police. This was not as kind to first offense. I heard on good authority that a woman from several sources who had been with the "Old Policeman" - as they call was shoved when drunk from the roof or 4th floor and taken to the hospital - probably the same ambulance that took the Black Dahlia. Another affair that took place in his room and ended down in a bookand which was quickly hushed up and the store vacated; now being used to store liquor - was more than suspicious.

now being used to store liquor - was more than suspice of will never forget that poor store-keeper's wife's screaming and being suddenly choked still, as logg as I live! The old man with the white dog called bichel, that used to live who talked too much about a hospital forms of the store vacations. that used to live who talked too made about this affair, has now disappeared. I am told he is in Hoping this information may be of service,

Sincerely

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G. I. R. -5

peur letter dated February 26, 1947, has been received and I want to thank you for making this information equilable to me. The matter you mention does not come within the investigative jurisdiction of this Sursen but I am referring your comments to appropriate local authorities.

Stacerely yours,

John Edger Roover

cc: Los Angeles, with two copies of incoming.
Attention, SAC: For your information and referral
to appropriate local authorities.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

THE DIRECTOR

FROM

MR. EDW. A. TAMM

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

ELIZABETH SHORT - VICTIM

MURDER.

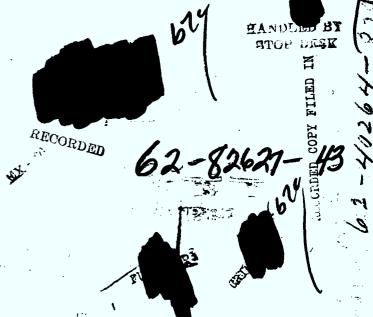
You will recall we addressed a letter to the Social respectively. Security Administration requesting their assistance by furnishing record information in their possession to assist in nishing a suspect in the very vicious murder of Elizabeth Short locating a suspect in the very vicious murder of Elizabeth Short which occurred just recently in California and has received so which occurred just recently in California and has received so much publicity. We are now in receipt of the reply which is a rather verbose declination based on a regulation prescribed by the Social Security Board. It is attached.

During the war, Social Security furnished us information on cases directly concerned with the "successful prosecution of the on cases directly concerned with the "successful prosecution of the war". You will recall that just recently they wrote to the Attorney General and stated since the President's proclamation terminating hostilities, this cooperation could now be honored only when we certify that the case in question grew out of the war. We certify that the case in question grew out of the war we accordingly directed a memorandum to the Attorney General protesting accordingly directed a memorandum to the Attorney General protesting the lack of cooperation on the part of Social Security and pointing out that we now have cases which are of at least as grave concern to the security of the country as during the war and asking him to make every effort to effect arrangements whereby we could secure this invaluable information.

There are attached for your approval a teletype to Los Angeles advising that Social Security has refused to furnish the information needed by the police and a memorandum to the Attorney General advising of this incident to supplement our previous memorandum.

cc-Mr. Ladd
Mr. Rosen





1-31-47

DATE:

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION WASHINGTON, D. C.

Zone 25

January 31, 1947

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am replying to your letter of January 28, 1947, which delivered to us, in which you request information from our records concerning the employment of Elizabeth Short.

The subject of such requests has been previously discussed with the Department of Justice; you may recall that early in 1937, your department requested access to our records for the location of individuals suspected of criminal acts. At that time, every consideration was given to the request but because of the Social Security Board's often-repeated public pledge that information furnished would be used only for the purposes of the Social Security Act, and after consulting with other governmental agencies, representatives of organized labor, and others, the request was denied. Since that time we have followed the policy of refusing to furnish confidential information from our records except for the purposes of administering the Act. An exception was made, however, in our agreement whereby your department has been furnished information when such disclosures would be in the interest of the successful prosecution of the war.

Supporting this policy Congress, in the 1939 amendments to the Social Security Act, enacted Section 1106 which provides that the records of the Social Security Board (now the Social Security Administration) shall be regarded as confidential and that no disclosures thereof may be made except as the Board may by regulations prescribe. Regulation I, adopted in conformity with this statute, prescribes what information may be disclosed and to whom.

Although I appreciate entirely your desire for such information I regret that the request, in accordance with this Regulation, is not one for which an exception may be made.

Sincerely you L. Mitchell

Acting Commissioner



Head Lauds Examiner for Slaying Case Aid

By RAY RICHARDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 .- Congratulations and thanks of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the identification of a girl murder victim were extended to the Los Angeles Examiner today by the agency's director, J. Edgar Hoover.

"The action of the Los Angeles Examiner in transmitting to the FBI the fingerprints of the unidentified murder victim was an excellent illustration of cooperation of the press with law enforcement.

"It is such cooperation that aids law enforcement in curbing the increase in crime."

In a news release aunouncing the identification late last night the FBI gave the Los Angeles Examiner sole credit for bringing about the identification in record time.

The release explained that the Examiner, cooperating with the Los Augelles Police Department, sent the girl's 10 fingerprints to Washington over the instantaneous Sound-photo system of International News Photos.

They were specto the FBI's identification section by the Washington by cau of the Hearst Newspapers, where, among 104,000,000 s parate fingerprints, they were identified as those of Elizabeth Short, former clerk in a military post exchange at Camp Cooke, Calif.

Thus California authorities were enabled to take up

the pursuit of the slayer, an individual so brutal that he had backed the girl's face and torso and cut the body in two.

In the FBI Washington records the case was entered as a "spectacular identification," meaning one achieved under extraordinary circumstances.

Only rarely in the past has an attempt been made to transmit fingerprints by telegraph or telephone wire, and pever so successfully as in the case of Elizabeth Short.

FBI officials said the perfect clarity of INP transmission alone made it possible for FBI identification experts to reconstruct the blank spots and other defects in prints offered by the dead girl's it cers.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. Harbo Mr. Hendon Mr. Nease Miss Gandy See Me () Mr. Wase () Mr. Nease ()
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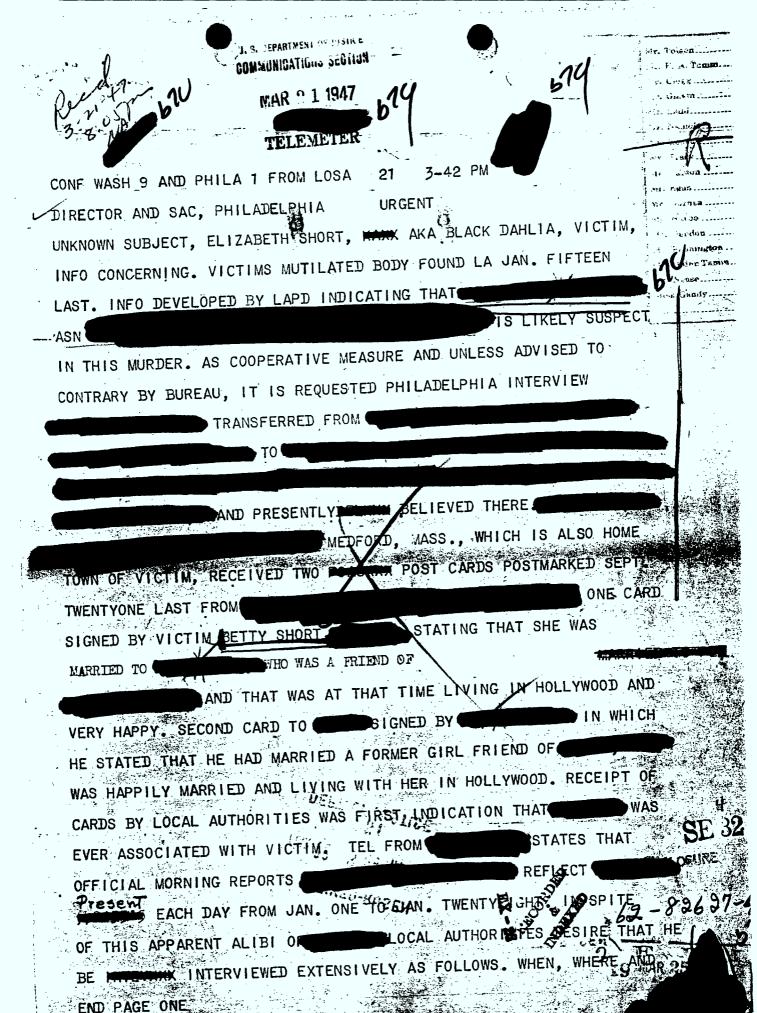
Mr. Tracy In addition to the attached Mr. Carson Memorandum from Mr. Tamm to Mr. Egan Mr. Hoover and the letter from Mr. W.L. Mitchell, Acting Commists, sioner of the Social Security Administration, is a copy of the Vemorandum which was sent to the Attorney General per Hthe Director's instructions.

Mr. Nease The wire mentioned in Mr. Tomm'sMiss Beahm memorandum was sent to SAC Hood Miss Gandy pursuant to the Director's instructions.

Mr. Hoover asked that this memorandum and the copy of the memorandum to the Attorney General be left on his desk. AANDLED BY STOP DESE

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Tele. Room



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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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MB. E. A. TANK

FROM :

A. Rosen

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ELIZABETH SHORT, a.k.a. Black Dahlia, Victim INFORMATION CONCERNING

Based upon the request which was made by the Los Angeles Division is seam of our Philadelphia Office to conduct investigation in connection with the Black Dahlian case, I called Philadelphia and instructed them that upon the basis of the information available to the Bureau, we did not desire any additional inquiries made in this case.

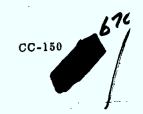
The attached wire reflects that the Los Angeles Police Department desires our cooperation. They have found out through their own inquiries that the victim in the "Black Dahlia" case, Betty Short, was married to one was present each day the Army, and although the Army reports reflect that was present each day during the pertinent period, the Los Angeles Police Department still desires that he interviewed.

We have not conducted any investigation in this case and I do not think we ought to enter it at this late date. The Philadelphia Office was instructed not to conduct any investigation and unless advised to the contrary, they will have If approved, a wire should be sent to our Los Angeles Office advising that approved, a wire should be sent to our Los Angeles Office advising that are to be conducted in this case as previously instructed and that, of are to be conducted in this case as previously instructed and that, of the self-plans at Laboratory facilities are available. There is no reason to change these plans at this time.

THINK WE Should STAY OUT OF THIS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WAITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MARCII 24, 1947

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

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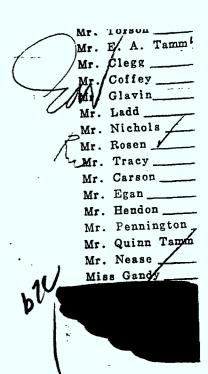
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Benzedrinist Hops Up New 'Dahlia' Confession

By United Press

ST LOUIS, March 24—A bloodstained handkerchief and a revised "confession" which may link 23-yearold Melvin Bailey with the mutilationpurder of Elizabeth (Black Dahlia) Short were en route to Los Angeles police today.

The handkerchief, given police by Bailey, was found yesterday to have been stained with human blood keveral weeks ago. Bailey claims it is Miss Short's handkerchief and her blood and that he carried it as a "keepsake" after slashing and cutting her body in two with an eight inch Marine combat knife.

TO CHECK BLOOD STAINS

Bailey, who made his first confession March 18, changed his statement adding more details to the gruesome story he told of mutilating the girl's body because she refused to accompany him from Los Angeles to St. Louis.

His new statement did not correct the original discrepancy in the dates. Miss Short's body was found January 15, and police said she was dead less than 12 hours. Bailey claims he killed the girl January 13.

Los Angeles police will attempt to determine if the blood on the heid-kerchief is the same type as that of Miss Short.

Bailey said on the night of Jan-

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uary 12 he and Miss Short began a round of nightclubs. She drank liquor, he said, while he consumed benzedrine and coffee "for a lift."

and coffee "for a lift."

Later, Balley said, he and Miss Short took a drive in a stolen auto. During the ride, he said, they argued about the St. Louis trip.

BURNED HIS CLOTHING

Bailey said he stopped the car along the Long Beach road near the shore. After more arguments, he knocked Miss Short unconscious and carried her body down to the beach, slashed her repeatedly across the breasts, abdomen and groin, and then cut her body in two. He used a blanket, he said, to wash the body, dipping it in the dream several times and returning to slonge off her skin.

Balley said he returned to Los Angeles and drove around until he reached the intersection of a rather broad street" and Santa Barbara Barbara There he found a vacant lot when placed the body, putting a white flower from her hair into her hands.

Later that morning, Bailey said he went to San Francisco and obtained an auto ride to St. Louis. He said he burned his blood-soaked clothing near Oklahoma City, but did not remember what he had done with the girl's clothing.

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KECORDED 3/18/47 To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION 62-82 62 1-46 URGELT Transmit the following message to: SAC, LOS ANGELES MURDER OF ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA, BLACK BAHLIA, INFO CONCERNING, RETEL MARCH MIGHTEENTH. FILES OF THE AGO INDICATE REENLISTED HIS FILE REFLECTS A LETTER DATEL NOVEMBER TUELFTH, FORTY SIX, FROM THE HONORABLE DANIEL J. FLOOD, WERETR OF CONGRESS, REQUESTING THE COOPERATION OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT IN THE TRANSFER OF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERRINE WHERE WAS ASSIGNED IN JANUARY. THE LATEST ASSIGNMENT CARD IN FILE DATED NOVEMBER THIRTY, FORTY SIX, SHOWS ASSIGNED HONEVER, THERE IS A LETTER DATED FEBRUARY TUENTY FOUR, FORTY SEVEN, SIGNED BY READQUARTERS ADVISING THAT THIS WAS NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS. AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO VERIFY THIS AS PRESENT STATION BUT THE ROSTERS FOR THIS ORGANIZATION HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED. BORN RESIDENCE

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